

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**And**

**SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
(SAIC)**

## **PURPOSE**

In support of the spirit and intent of Public Law (P.L.) 106-50, the "Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999," and P.L. 106-554, Section 803, the "Subcontracting Preference for Veterans", the Parties hereby agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide procurement and technical assistance to "veteran-owned small businesses" (VOSB) to include "service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses" (SDVOSB), hereinafter collectively referred to as VOSB.

## **BACKGROUND**

The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is to serve America's veterans and their families with dignity and compassion - to be their principal advocate in ensuring that veterans receive the care, support, recognition and benefits earned while in service to the Nation. The Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE) is the lead VA organization involved in the promotion of VOSB ownership, development and federal markets expansion programs.

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) is one of the nation's premier research and engineering companies providing information technology, systems integration and eSolutions products/services, and is one of the top ranked large business prime contractors in the federal marketplace.

Since the U.S. Congress has mandated that VA do more to assist veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, particularly service-disabled veterans, VA formally establishes this Memorandum of Understanding with Science Applications International Corporation in support of VOSB.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Science Applications International Corporation will promote the services provided under this MOU.

### **Department of Veterans Affairs will:**

- Refer appropriate VOSB to SAIC's Small Business Development Office
- Provide an annual list by electronic means of all known VOSB to the management of the SAIC Small Business Development Office
- Direct VOSB to appropriate SAIC Small Business Development Office for counseling and training programs
- Assist SAIC Small Business Development Office in outreach activities designed to stimulate VOSB development and utilization. Assistance may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Identifying potential target suppliers for SAIC procurement opportunities,
  - b. Maintain an assistance program for VOSB suppliers to SAIC business units, and/or
  - c. Provide specialized training or other services as deemed appropriate by both parties upon agreement
  - d. Work within the CVE in providing subcontract opportunities to the VOSB community nationwide
- Jointly work as a team to maximize business opportunities for VOSB and share feedback information to enhance performance

### **Science Applications International Corporation Small Business Development Office will:**

- Provide the CVE information on SAIC's outreach activities
- Provide the CVE with potential subcontracting requirements for VOSB community
- Work with the CVE to identify potential VOSB for subcontracting opportunities

- Assist in outreach and training events with the CVE in an effort to raise awareness of VOSB and foster their participation with SAIC "Industry Days" events
- Identify to the CVE all known VOSB that may be currently within SAIC's supplier database and refer all subsequently identified VOSB for inclusion in the CVE Vendor Information Page (VIP) database

### **TERMS AND TERMINATION**

This MOU will take effect on the day of execution and will remain in effect through March 31, 2005. The MOU may be extended in two-year increments by written agreement of the Parties.

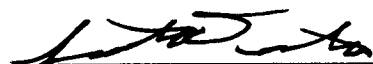
The Parties agree to consult each other regarding any amendments or issues to be addressed. The Parties may modify this MOU by written mutual consent.

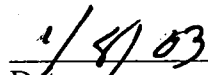
The parties agree that some of the information to be exchanged could be sensitive or proprietary. As such all such information will be marked appropriately and not disclosed to the general public or SAIC's competitors.

### **ADMINISTRATION**


The administrative points of contact for the parties pertaining to this MOU are:


For the Department of Veterans Affairs:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Scott Denniston  
 Director  
 Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization  
 & Center for Veterans Enterprise

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

For the Science Applications International Corporation:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Arnold Punaro  
 General Manager  
 Washington Operations/Sector VP

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date